(घ) परम्परागत मन्दी के मौसम के अन्त तक पटसन बोरों के उत्पादन और खपत के बीच अस्थाई असन्तुलन को दूर कर दिया जाएगा : क्योंकि डी जी एस एण्ड डी ने खरीफ की खरीद के लिए अपनी पैकेजिंग आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए दी ट्रिबल पटसन बोरों की खरीद पहले ही से शुरू कर दी है तथा स्वतंत्र देशों के राष्ट्र मण्डल तथा अन्य क्षेत्रों को निर्यात में वृद्धि होने की भी आशा है।

Survey of handlooms in Bihar

2659. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey about the existing handlooms in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also made any survey about such handlooms which are actually working in the State and also about those handlooms which have been abandoned by their weavers and migrated to other places or which have been impounded by the money lenders in the State;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) if answers to parts (a) and (c) above in the negative, whether Government purpose to undertake such a survey in the near future in the State of Bihar; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the handloom census conducted in 1987-88, there are 82,659 handlooms spread in 67,187 weaver households in Bihar. Majority of these looms are engaged in the production of cotton items. These are 2,39,510 weavers (both full time and part time) engaged in the preparatory and weaving activities in the State. The overage productivity in the State is 11.79 metre per day per loom.

(c) and (d) The Handloom Census interalia, revealed that Census interalia revealed that thert are 9692 looms which had remained idle for atleast one year preceding the day of census ensumeration. The cause for idleness has not, however, been recorded during the enumeration.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Request for budgetary support to NTC and BICL, Kanpur

2660. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to review the decision for withdrawal of budgetary support to the mills of National Textile Corporation and British India Corporation Limited in Kanpur;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Government have not withdrawn budgetary support to National Textile Corporation and British India Corporation.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.